



## Spotlight On Nicholas Silvestri, MD, Buffalo, NY

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**Dr. Silvestri** is a professor of neurology and associate dean for student and academic affairs at the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Buffalo, NY.

**What is your specialty (and, if applicable, subspecialty or other more focused area) expertise?**

I am a neurologist with a subspecialty in neuromuscular medicine.

**What is your current or, in your career, most predominant clinical practice setting?**

I am currently a professor of neurology and associate dean for student and academic affairs at the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

**What else can you tell us about your current or significant past roles in your field?**

I have been fortunate to have been involved in clinical work, taking care of patients with neuromuscular disorders, general neurological disorders, perform electromyography and nerve conduction studies, and chemodeneration. I have also been heavily involved in the educational mission of my medical school, teaching students in both the pre-clinical and clinical phases of the curriculum, residents, and fellows. I served as adult neurology residency program director for 9 years prior to transitioning to the Office of Student & Academic Affairs in 2019. I have also been involved in research, largely in the area of myasthenia gravis.

**Please tell us your thoughts about the role and importance of ABPN board certification.**

It is critically important to remain up to date in the quickly changing landscape of diagnostic and therapeutic advances in neurology. Continuing certification, particularly with the article-based examinations, helps to ensure that we fulfill our obligations as lifelong learners, and enable ourselves to take the best care of patients and teach up to date information to our students.

**What have your experiences been like in your interactions with the ABPN as a candidate or as a diplomate?**

Incredibly cordial. I can't say enough of how professional and affable the people at the ABPN have been in all of my interactions with them.



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